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Believe Department Circular 622 provides adequate background on which statement in NAC November 12 meeting re present analysis Berlin developments. You may of course also use statement by Department ~~xx~~ spokesman this subject transmitted USIA wireless file EUF 75.

As indicated Depcirtel 622 your presentation should not rpt not indicate undue anxiety over situation and should reflect calm firmness. In commenting obvious implications for NATO you may wish emphasize this further indication USSR tactics of threats whenever it suits their purposes underlines once again need for continued strengthening NATO's defenses and military base. Since moves of this nature obviously designed heighten tensions and divide NATO Alliance it should serve underscore need for continuing NATO unity and cooperation in both political and military fields as evidenced in this instance by determination western powers maintain troops in and defend West Berlin ~~against communist threats~~.

In event questions raised possible counter moves you should confine yourself to indication that many possibilities currently under consideration but decisions as to specific actions to be taken ~~will depend on further developments~~. Meanwhile any suggestions by NAC members would be welcome.

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